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For: METHOD FOR PRECONDITIONING AND ENCODING A
                    DATA TABLE, AND METHOD FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION
                    OF TABLE REQUESTS ON A VECTORAL PROCESSOR

McLean, Virginia

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
        and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

        Please amend the subject application, filed concurrently herewith, as

indicated below:

IN THE TITLE:

        Delete "THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TABLE REQUESTS ON A VECTORAL

PROCESSOR" and substitute --IMPLEMENTING TABLE QUERIES IN A MACHINE

WITH VECTORIAL CAPABILITIES--;

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

        After the title and before the first paragraph on page 1, insert the following:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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